

## Tax center offers free assistance

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser  
Public affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing legal office opens a tax office Tuesday in the 14th Operations Group, Bldg. 268, Room 222.

The center provides free electronic filing of tax returns or assistance in filing paper returns for military, retired military and dependents from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

People must make appointments by calling Ext. 7612 or Ext. 7613 starting Tuesday.

“Electronic filing allows the instant filing of tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service,” said Tech. Sgt. Chloe Ross, 14th FTW legal office. “This is the fastest way to get any tax refund the government may owe you.”

People filing taxes should bring the following documentation when coming to the center if it applies to them:

- ❑ All W-2s and 1099s
- ❑ Unemployment compensation
- ❑ Social Security income
- ❑ Individual Retirement Account information
- ❑ Family social security numbers
- ❑ Child care provider’s name, SSN, address and any other related documentation

- ❑ Interest income and dividends received
- ❑ Jury duty payments
- ❑ Earned income credit information

- ❑ A cancelled check (only if a direct deposit of any refund is wanted)

- ❑ A copy of last year’s tax return

“If you or your spouse did not change your name with the social security administration when you were married and you are filing electronically, you must use your maiden name on your tax forms,” said Carolyn Jones, tax center manager. “Also, you must have your children’s social security numbers if your child was born on or before Oct. 31.

“If filing a joint return and you wish to file electronically, both tax payers must sign the Form 8453, which you receive from the tax center.”

People with rental property, business income or capital gains may need to seek professional tax assistance.

For more information, call the legal office at Ext. 7030.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

### Happy Birthday Dr. King

Andrew Dawson, 7 years, Charleshia Johnson, 5 years, and Desiree Ryan, 6 years, sing “He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands” at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ceremony Wednesday at the youth center. The observance for King is Monday, and base hours for the holiday are on Page 3.

## Pay raise means more money

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Public affairs

Military people noticed a basic pay increase in their pay check Wednesday.

Housing, subsistence and clothing allowance rates also increased.

Mid-grade officers, mid-level and senior NCOs experienced the highest level of pay increases. Military basic pay, which is calculated according to a person’s pay grade and time in service, increased between 4.1 and 9.5 percent.

“When I was promoted from master sergeant to senior master sergeant, with the 6.5 percent [basic pay

increase], my basic pay increased almost \$700,” said Senior Master Sgt. Lonnie Slater, 14th Mission Support Group first sergeant.

“[Mid-grade officers, mid-level and senior NCOs] are making career decisions and [the military] is rewarding them for their experience while meeting retention needs at the same time,” Slater said.

Basic allowance for housing rates rose up to 16 percent, depending on a person’s pay grade and whether or not they have dependents.

“The cost of living [in Columbus] is higher than my basic allowance for housing, so the [BAH] increase will help offset some of the costs,” said

Staff Sgt. Cherise Holmes, 50th Flying Training Squadron.

People who receive basic allowance for subsistence noticed a slight increase of .5 percent or less.

Enlisted clothing allowances improved by up to 4.7 percent based on time in service and gender.

“The clothing allowance increase is definitely necessary because the cost of military clothing is going up,” Holmes said.

For current military basic pay or BAH rates, log on to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Military Pay Web page at [www.dfas.mil/money/milpay](http://www.dfas.mil/money/milpay).

## Heart Link teaches spouses military ways of life

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Public affairs

Spouses attended the Heart Link seminar Monday in the family support center conference room.

The free seminar was for enlisted and officer spouses married five years or less who are experiencing Air Force life for the first time.

“Sometimes [veteran military spouses] forget what it was like when we were new to the military,” said Patsy Wood, FSC representative. “How hard it was to maneuver our way through the community, the base and how long it took us to learn everything we needed to know. That’s why this program is designed specifically to educate new spouses on the military way of life, helping them cross the bridge from the civilian to the military community.”

Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and other speakers familiarized the spouses with the Air Force mission, customs, traditions and protocols. Different Columbus AFB representatives also briefed their agencies services.

During the seminar, spouses played games like “Who Wants To Be a Mighty Spouse?” and “Who’s Agency Is

It Anyways?” to discuss information they learned about Air Force life and practice their agency-finding techniques.

“This is a creative, interactive and entertaining program because people learn a lot faster if they’re having fun,” said Lee Chouinard, master of ceremonies.

The spouses were given a tote bag of agency pamphlets and the “Air Education and Training Spouse Handbook” for quick reference of Columbus AFB and community facilities, policies and regulations.

Sara Schmidt presented each spouse with an official AETC Heart Link coin at the end of the seminar and shared the history of the “Coin Challenge” game.

“[Heart Link] was very helpful and informative,” said Bessie Knoester, attendee. “I especially appreciated all the representatives from the different departments on base



Airman 1st Class Chawntain Young

Ericka Tarkowski receives a coin from Sara Schmidt at the Heart Link meeting.

taking time to speak about their services.”

The deadline to sign up for the next Heart Link seminar is Mar. 21.

For more information about or to sign up for the next Heart Link, call Chouinard or Wood at Ext. 2790.

## Roll up sleeves, give gift of life

Master Sgt. Michael Briggs  
AETC Public Affairs

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — With a smaller pool of eligible military donors and a recently decreased stock of frozen blood, the Air Force assistant vice chief of staff is calling on service members and their families to donate blood.

In a recent memo to the field, Lt. Gen. Joseph Wehrle asked Air Force members worldwide to support the January observance of National Volunteer Blood Donor Month by rolling up their sleeves and giving the gift of life.

“Blood safety and availability are inseparable requirements for ensuring optimal care of our active duty troops, retirees, military spouses and children,” Wehrle said.

“Unfortunately, current federal regulations barring donations from personnel who have served time in Europe have resulted in a 25 percent drop in eligible donors on Air Force bases,” he added.

In addition to fewer donors, the frozen blood supply took a hit recently when the Armed Services Blood Program Office asked the military to withdraw frozen blood supplies donated during last summer’s West Nile virus epidemic to avoid transmitting the potentially fatal disease to recipients.

Those factors, combined with a historical trend of fewer blood donations in the winter

months, would make the need for blood more urgent in any year.

That need is even more urgent today, taking into consideration current world events, including a possible war in Iraq.

“At this time, with American forces actively fighting the war on terrorism, and with hundreds of thousands of military personnel deployed in support of expeditionary operations throughout the world, I want to personally encourage everyone who can give blood, to do so,” Wehrle said.

Leaders of the nation’s blood banking community are seeking a nationwide donation of 1.2 million units of blood during January.

Military and civilian blood collection officials said donors with Type AB blood are especially needed, because AB is the universal blood plasma type.

“To avert critical blood shortages this winter, we need citizens across the country to schedule an appointment to donate blood,” said Jim MacPherson, chief executive officer of America’s Blood Centers.

“Blood has a shelf life of only 42 days, which means it constantly needs to be replenished,” said MacPherson.

Fewer than 5 percent of healthy Americans eligible to donate blood actually donate each year, according to information from the

## Mission Report

T-1A Goal: 1,020.0 hrs. Flown: 1,310.2 hrs.  
T-38A Goal: 280 Flown: 373

T-37 Goal: 1,182 Flown: 1,664  
T-38C Goal: 341 Flown: 468

Students graduated in FY03: 89  
Next graduating class: SUPT Class 03-05

As of Wednesday



### Air Force Recruiter

Staff Sgt. William Shuttleworth  
2321C Hwy. 45N  
Columbus, MS 39705-1715  
(662) 241-5811



# NEWS BRIEFS

## Blood drive

The 14th Flying Training Wing blood drive is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the education center.

A story, on Page 2, gives reasons why it's important to donate blood.

For more information, call Ext. 2197.

## Holiday hours

All services activities are closed Monday except for the following places:

❑ bowling center from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

❑ fitness and sports center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

❑ The shoppette is open from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

❑ The exchange is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Testing hours

The education center conducts testing at 8 a.m. Tuesday because of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday. For more information, call Ext. 2562.

## Town meeting

A town hall meeting is at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the theater for the base to discuss teacher accreditation, curriculum, upcoming changes, schedules and more with the Columbus District school board.

People can bring up their questions or concerns.

For more information, call Ext. 2790.

## Airman's calls

The quarterly airman's calls are at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday at the community activity center.

If a certain issue needs to be addressed, e-mail or call Tech. Sgt. Kevin Mott at Ext. 7008 by Tuesday.

# Civil Air Patrol helps support mission

**Airman 1st Class Chawntain Young**  
Public affairs

The Civil Air Patrol quickly mobilized to support the Columbus Air Force Base team's efforts to bring a 50th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot and his malfunctioning T-38 Talon home safe Dec. 6, 2002.

The tower supervisor of flying noticed CAP planes on the ramp and called Base Operations to see if any of the CAP pilots were available to help.

Mike Hainsey, a Mississippi CAP squadron commander, was the first to respond to the supervisor of flying's request.

Hainsey obtained the authorization needed to perform a search and rescue mission, should there be a mishap. He found the CAP pilots, who'd flown into Columbus AFB for altitude chamber training, and organized an aircrew.

"The whole process took less than ten minutes," Hainsey said. "Everyone recognized the urgency of the matter and that lives were on the line."

As the CAP aircrew mobilized, briefed and performed their pre-flight check, they received word the pilot was able to maintain control of the T-38.

"We were able to respond to the Air Force's request on short notice and show [the Air Force] what we can provide," said Johnny Taylor, the Mississippi CAP emergency services officer.

According to Hainsey, the CAP has three missions: provide aerospace education to teachers and students, train cadets and provide emergency services, such as ground and air search and rescue missions for missing persons or aircraft.

"Eighty-five percent of the search and rescue missions are performed by the Civil Air Patrol," Hainsey said.

The CAP also aids the Air Force and government in providing homeland security, damage assessment after catastrophic events, such as tornadoes, hurricanes and earthquakes, and aerial narcotics screening.

## BLOOD

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American Association of Blood Banks.

To be eligible to donate blood, a person must be in good health and usually must be at least 17 years old.

"Donors can give blood every 56 days, or six times a year," said MacPherson.

Minimum weight requirements may

vary among facilities. Generally, donors must weigh at least 110 pounds.

Most blood banks have no upper age limit.

All donors must pass the physical and health history examinations given prior to donation.



Courtesy of the Civil Air Patrol

**A Civil Air Patrol cadet participates in the land navigation portion of the National Ground Search and Rescue School held at Camp Atterbury, Ind.**

After the tornado hit Columbus Nov. 10, 2002, the CAP provided damage assessment by taking aerial photos for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

CAP also participated in a Columbus AFB training exercise in November by providing aerial photos and a ground team used to assess the damage of a simulated mid-air collision and locate a "missing pilot."

The CAP volunteers' services provided to the community are free with the exception of the cost of supplies, which are government funded.

For more information about the CAP, call Hainsey at 328-3533 or email him at hainsey@cableone.net.

"This selfless act helps us take care of our own — the hallmark of our military tradition," Wehrle said. *(Editor's note: Army Spc. Chuck Wagner contributed to this story. Wagner is a staff writer on the Pentagongram, the newspaper of the Military District of Washington.)*

## Down

1 What type of information should you never discuss over a non-secure phone?

3 An objective of the commander for the ORI is to achieve an overall rating of \_\_\_\_

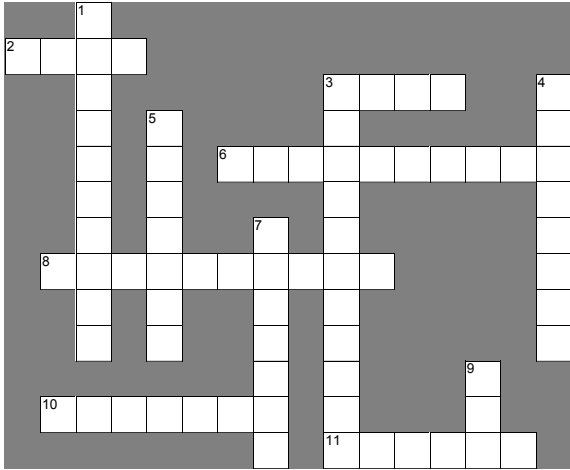
4 The UCMJ applies \_\_\_\_ U.S. military people who are serving in the world

5 ID checks of all personnel must be accomplished during FPCON \_\_\_\_

7 A key to success for the ORI is to have a \_\_\_\_ attitude

9 How many cans of permethrine spray are required to treat a BDU?

# CROSSWORD



www.CrosswordWeaver.com

This puzzle is brought to Columbus AFB by the Operational Readiness Inspection team.

It is designed to get the base familiar with the ORI and chain of command.

## Across

2 14th FTW Command Chief Master Sergeant

3 Alarm Black means an attack is \_\_\_\_

6 IPE - Individual \_\_\_\_ Equipment

8 Blood, Choking, Blister, and Nerve are types of \_\_\_\_ agents

10 You must be able to don your mask and hood within \_\_\_\_ seconds

11 In MOPP level Alpha you will wear your mask and hood, field gear and \_\_\_\_

Answers can be found on Page 8.

# Everyone is key to mission at Columbus AFB

**Lt. Col. Benjamin N. Cleveland**  
50th FTS commander



With the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection, there has been a lot of emphasis to ensure everyone is doing their

job. In my opinion, it's difficult to do your job if you do not understand the mission.

The Mission - each unit has a mission.

Do you know what your unit's mission is? Do you know what your part in the mission is? Have you ever taken the time to think about how you contribute to the mission? Do you know what defines your job?

These are questions that each airman in the United States Air Force should pause and contemplate.

If you are a member of the United States Air Force, then you are a professional airman.

As a professional, it's essential to know your part in the whole.

## STRAIGHT TALK LINE

**Second Lt. J.C. Palen, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Squadron Class 03-08, and Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, receive a preflight briefing at the 50th Flying Training Squadron. Schmidt flew in Palen's student formation sortie.**



Airman 1st Class Chawntain Young

You've probably heard the saying, "The whole is the sum of its parts."

The mission of the 14th Flying Training Wing is to produce professional military pilots. This base exists for no other purpose. No matter what group, squadron, or flight you're in, somehow your job is tied to the mission.

It is all too easy to get in the routine of going to work each day and putting in your time to do your job. Often this routine becomes nothing more than that — a way to earn a living.

However, as professional airmen, we are doing much more than going to work. We each, in our own small way, affect the mission. We become part of the sum that equates to the whole.

We should take great pride in the fact that this base produces over one-third of the pilots for the United States Air Force each year.

As a result of your time and effort each day, these pilots have the opportunity to fly for the greatest Air Force in the world. So, take pride in what you do.

Taking pride in your job leads to striving for excellence in your job.

How do you best strive for excellence? — Through knowledge and understanding. Generally speaking, each job in the Air Force has a governing Air Force Instruction. These AFIs define what is expected in broad terms. Often the major commands refine the requirements even further. Wing, group or squadron supplements, or Operating Instructions, typically further refine the guidance.

If you are familiar with these AFIs, supplements and OIs, then you have the key to being able to achieve excellence in your job.

Once you develop an understanding of the requirements, you should spend some time with your supervisor to determine your part in accomplishing your duties and how they apply to the mission.

A full understanding of the requirements and your supervisor's expectations for your part in the mission should improve your ability to accomplish the job to the full extent of your capability.

It will also lead to your ability to prove to the inspector general you are the key to the mission.

Think about it.

*The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.*

*Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.*

*The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names.*

*Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the BLAZEWEB at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil). Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.*

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Family Practice.....434-2172  
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# SUPT Class 03-04 earns silver wings

Twenty-five officers prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-04 graduated at 8:30 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Col. Johnny Weida, Squadron Officer College commander, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

As commander, he is responsible for developing 21st Century leaders who can advocate what aerospace power brings to the fight, value team achievement over individual success and value their vital role in the profession of arms.

Students received their silver pilot's wings at today's ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

First Lt. Robert Thweatt, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Michael Cline, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award were presented to Thweatt and 2nd Lt. Gregory Bartelma, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Thweatt, Cline and 2nd Lt. James Pasquino, T-1, were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week pre-flight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine,

subsonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet.

T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

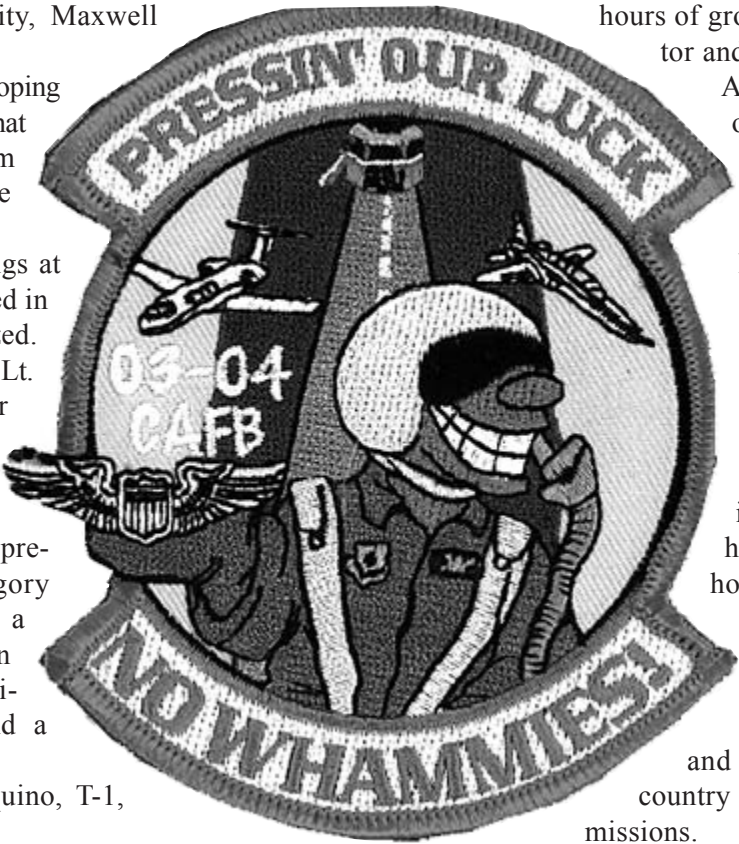
Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

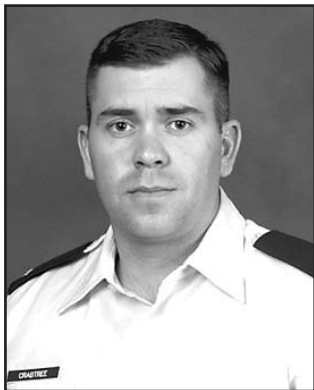
Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots.



**2nd Lt. Michael Cline**  
Pasadena, Md.  
F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Andrew Crabtree**  
DeRidder, La.  
MC-130, Eglin AFB, Fla.



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T-37, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Shana Hibler**  
Kansas City, Mo.  
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**2nd Lt. Ryan Lowe**  
Algonquin, Ill.  
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



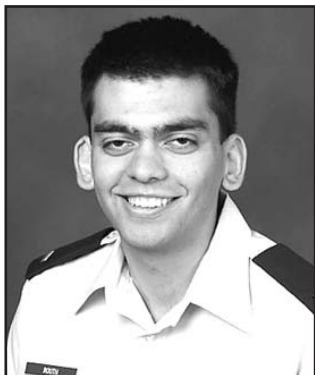
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Grand Rapids, Minn.  
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**2nd Lt. Andrew Robinson**  
Hermitage, Tenn.  
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Amit Routh**  
Brandon, Miss.  
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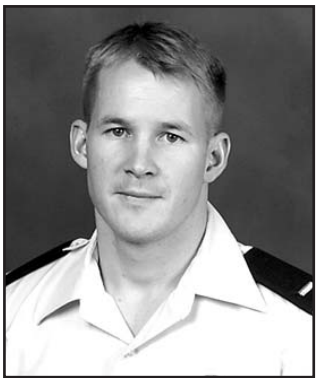
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**2nd Lt. Matthew Biggs**  
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C-21, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio



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C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Amanda Person**  
Salt Springs, Fla.  
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



## At The Chapel

### Chapel schedule

#### Catholic

##### Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass  
10:30 a.m. — CCD  
5 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — Mass

#### Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

#### Protestant

##### Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship  
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship  
Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study sup-

per

7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

#### Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study  
For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other

services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

## At The Movies

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

#### Today

“Treasure Planet” (PG, adventure, action and peril, 96 min.)  
Animated.

#### Saturday

“Die Another Day” (PG-13, language and some sexual content, 120 min.)

Starring Pierce Brosnan.

#### Jan. 24

“Hot Chick” (PG-13, crude and sexual humor, language and drug references, 101 min.)

Starring Rob Schnieder.

## Channel 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more information at Ext. 7065.

#### Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.  
Air Force Television News  
Monday through Jan. 24  
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

College Level Examination  
Program:  
No tapes

## FAMILY SUPPORT

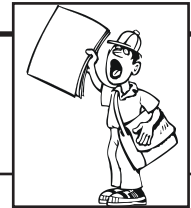


(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

**Resume workshop:** A resume workshop is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Jan. 22 at the family support center. The workshop teaches people how to create an effective resume.

**Hearts Apart:** The next Hearts Apart social is at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at the McDonald’s Play Land, 1840 Highway 45 North. People must sign up by Jan. 22.

## BASE NOTES



**TOPS open house:** The Columbus AFB Chapter of Take Off Pounds Sensibly’s open house is at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the community center. TOPS is a network of people working towards a common goal — losing weight. For more information, call Ext. 2337.

**Retirement seminars:** The Air Force Personnel Center offers pre-planning retirement seminars from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 28 and Jan. 29 at the Phillips auditorium.

The Jan. 28 seminar is for Civil Service Retirement Systems employees, and the Jan. 29 is for Federal Employees Retirement Systems people. Spouses are welcome to attend. Seating is limited to 50 people per seminar. To sign up, call civilian personnel at Ext. 2641.

**Education hours:** The education center changes its hours effective Feb. 3. Customer service is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, issue tuition assistance is open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and counseling is by appointment only. For more information, call Ext. 2562.

**ESC scholarships:** The enlisted spouses’ club offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors, current college students, spouses and active-duty people.

Applicants must be the dependent child or spouse of an active-duty, retired or deceased or missing in action person.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

## Look at that!

Olive Hedgeman, child care development center care provider, and Tairhiq Harris, 11 months, play with a stuffed animal at the CDC. For more information on services available at the CDC, call Ext. 2479.

Applications are at the education center, family support center or high school guidance offices. Deadline to apply is March 1. For more information, call 434-5849.

**New hours:** The 14th Medical Group clinic support staff closes from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays and reopens from 4:30 to 5 p.m effective Feb. 13. The support staff is the laboratory, radiology and pharmacy. For more information, call Ext. 2168.

**Officers’ spouses’ social:** The Columbus AFB Officers’ Spouses’ Club’s social is at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 18. The program is wine tasting. The menu is heavy hor d’oeuvres for \$10. Columbus Club members receive a \$2 discount.

New members and spouses are welcome. For reservations, call 434-5511 or e-mail: davidjeastman@cablone.net.

## AROUND TOWN



**Stage musical:** A touring company from New York is scheduled to perform Porgy and Bess, a musical, at 7 p.m. Jan. 31 at Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi University for Women campus.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$23 at the door. The event is sponsored by the

Columbus Arts Council, Omnova Solutions and the Mississippi Arts Commission. For more information, tickets or to volunteer, call 328-2787.

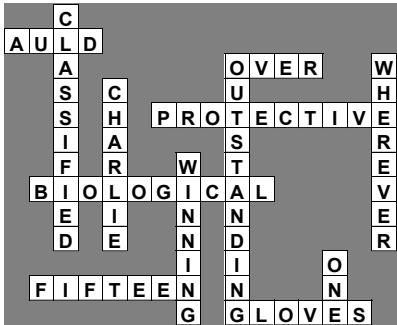
**Prayer breakfast:** A community prayer breakfast featuring special speakers and music is at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 7 at Hogarth Auditorium on the Mississippi University for Women campus.

Cost is \$7 per person. For more information or to buy tickets, call Maj. Brynn Morgan at Ext. 7030.

**Jewish ceremony:** The Tu B’shevat, new year of the trees, is celebrated Jan. 24 to Jan. 26 at Temple B’nai Israel, 717 Second Ave. North, Columbus. Rabbi Mark Peilin will preside.

The regular Shabbat service is at 8 p.m. Jan. 24. The Torah study is at 10:00 a.m. Jan. 25. The Tu B’shevat family seder is at 10 a.m. Jan. 26.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information, call Natalie Bledstein at 434-6566.



# AETC launches club “Party On Us” campaign

### Pam Wickham

Marketing director

The Air Education and Training Command launched the “Party On Us” program at the beginning of January.

“[The program] is going to show [the club] wants to do the best job for our customers,” said Barbara Cantrell, club caterer.

The program provides base organizations with the opportunity to win \$500, \$300 or \$200 off a future function at the Columbus Club.

“Party On Us” ends March 31 with the grand prize drawing of these cash prizes. Organizations receive an entry form into the drawing by hosting or sponsoring a special function at the club during the promotion period. Minimum value for each function is \$200.

Special functions can be but aren’t limited to:

- ☐ farewell parties
- ☐ retirement parties
- ☐ themed party night for the entire base
- ☐ promotion parties
- ☐ weddings
- ☐ reunions

“Don’t pass up on this opportunity to win cash for your next squadron function,” said Ed Nunn, club manager.

For more information on this program, call Cantrell or Nunn at Ext. 2489.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Barbara Cantrell, Columbus Club caterer, sets a table in the dining area for an officers’ spouses club social.

## Services offers many leisure-time activities

**American Cafe open:** The Columbus Club’s American Cafe is open from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays and is open to all ranks. Club members receive a \$2 discount on each meal.

Entries include but aren’t limited to chicken Monterey, charbroiled New York strip steak, and grilled pork chops Omaha. Call Ext. 2489.

**All ranks bingo:** Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom.

People play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even overall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go in 57 numbers or less.

Admission fees for nonmembers are \$5. Call Ext. 2489.

**Freeway:** The live band, Freeway, performs at 9 p.m. to midnight today at the Columbus Club. Call Ext. 2489.

**Variety night:** Rhythm and blues night, featuring Disc Jockey Maze, is from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. today in the enlisted lounge. Call Ext. 2489.

**College basketball:** The Columbus Club’s Landing Lounge is open to all ranks from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays for college basket-

ball games. Social hours are from noon to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Call Ext. 2489.

**Sunday brunch:** The Columbus Club’s all-ranks brunch is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 26. Cost is \$10.95 per person. Club members receive a \$2 discount. Call Ext. 2489.

**Crafts classes:** Register four days in advance for the skills development center’s crafts classes.

Make a snowman with snow gauge for \$18 Tuesday, chocolate kiss roses for \$5 Jan. 28 or a liberty heart for \$9 Feb. 4.

Children’s crafts classes include making a tin can snowman Wednesday, an Ivy bowl snowman Jan. 29 or love in a bag for Dad Feb. 5. Children’s classes are \$4 each. Call Ext. 7836.

**Casino trip:** The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip Jan. 24 or Feb. 21 to the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss.

Cost is \$15 per person, and it includes transportation and \$15 in coin. The bus departs at 5:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 2:30 a.m. Call Ext. 7858.

**Circus trip:** The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus

Jan. 25 in the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center.

Cost is \$22 per person, and it includes ticket and transportation. The bus departs at 8 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m.

Showtime is at 11:30 a.m. Call Ext. 7858.

**Chef Anthony’s cooking class:** Register by Jan. 27 at the Columbus Club for Chef Anthony’s cooking class starting Feb. 3. This four-week course is from 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 18 and Feb. 24.

The first week covers appetizers, week two is salads, week three is entrees and week four is desserts.

This is a members only event. Cost is \$45 per person. Call Ext. 2489.

**Quilting classes:** Register for the “I Spy Quilt” or the “Trip Around the World Baby Quilting” classes offered at the skills development center.

Cost is \$40 plus materials. Start dates depend on number of students registered. Call Ext. 7836.

**Parents day out:** The child development center offers a “Parents Day Out” or “Give Parents a Break” from 4 to 10 p.m. Feb. 8. Call Ext. 2479 for reservations.

## Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
\$7.95 Per Person  
Club Members receive \$2 discount. Also includes vegetable, tossed salad and beverage

**Today**  
Fried catfish  
Chicken fried steak  
Cherry cobbler

**Monday**  
Club closed

**Tuesday**  
Beef tips  
Pulled pork  
Apple crispitos

**Wednesday**  
Sausage and peppers  
Tacos  
Apple Cobbler

**Thursday**  
Cube steak  
Glazed ham  
Banana pudding

A la carte menu also available.



Cosmic no-tap bowling

All levels of bowlers are invited to enter this monthly no-tap tournament today.

Sign up by 6:45 p.m., and the games begin at 7 p.m. Entry costs \$7.50.

Players must get a strike with a red-head pin to spin the wheel to win a prize.

Every game, randomly selected individuals are challenged to knock down a certain number of bowling pins. Call Ext. 2426.

Spring soccer

Deadline for registering for ages 3 and up spring soccer is Feb. 14 at the youth center. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers.

Volunteer coaches are needed to support this program. Season’s scheduled to begin in March. Players must have a current physical on file or obtain one before the start of the program.

Players who register after the deadline are charged a late fee. Call Ext. 2504.

Off base youth leagues

The deadline to register for off-base youth center boys’ baseball and girls’ softball teams in the Columbus-Lowndes

Recreation League is Feb. 28.

The age groups are boys ages 11-12 and 13-15, girls ages 11-12 and 13-15. The cost is \$40 per player.

Volunteer coaches are needed to coach each age group. Transportation will be provided. Call Ext. 2504.

Personal trainers

Personal trainers are available at the fitness and sports center to spice up a workout routine or help people get more out of their workout. Call Ext. 2773.

Aerobics classes

Aerobics classes, ranging from beginning step, kickboxing, spinning and yoga, are offered every week at the fitness and

sports center. There are 15 different classes every week.

For information on class times, call Ext. 2772 or stop by the center for a schedule.

Thursday scrambles

The Thursday afternoon scramble at Whispering Pines Golf Course begin at 4:45 p.m. Sign up by 4 p.m. each

Thursday. A computer selects the teams. Entry is \$5 per person plus green fees for nonmembers.

Bowling special

The December family bowling special is from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays and from 1 to 6 p.m. Sundays.

Bowling is \$1.25 a game, and shoe rental is 50 cents. Check with the snack bar for the food special. Call Ext. 2426.

Fitness 101

People who want to get in shape but aren’t sure how to use all the fitness and sports center’s machines can schedule a Fitness 101 class.

The center shows people how to find their target heart rate and to use all of the equipment. Classes are by appointment only. Call Ext. 2772.

Basketball standings

The following are the intramural league standings as of Tuesday.

Team	Wins	Losses
DynCorp	6	1
OSS	5	1
14th MSS	5	3
37th/41st FTS	3	2
48th FTS	3	2
14th COM	3	4
50th FTS	2	3
14th MDG	3	5
14th SFS	0	9

Varsity basketball teams take on Eglin Eagles

Columbus Flyers don’t fare well in games against Eagles

2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett  
Public affairs

The Eglin Eagles routed the Columbus Flyers 82-63 Saturday and 106-69 Sunday in men’s varsity basketball action.

“Our game plan was to try to play team defense, work the ball down low, then feed off that,” said Lyle Vines, Columbus Flyer.

The Flyers kept pace with Eglin up until the closing minutes of the first half when Eglin doubled the point spread 41-20.

The second half of Saturday’s game was evenly



Photos by 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett  
Lyle Vines, Columbus Flyer, tries to keep the ball away from an Eglin Eagle during the Sunday game.

matched, but Columbus could not recoup from the damage dealt in the first period.

“[The Flyers] played better as a team — the overall defense and offense was better,” said Adam Link, Columbus Flyer.

Sunday’s match-up was almost a carbon copy of Saturday’s game with Columbus coming out strong but faltering in the last minutes, going from a three-point spread to a 16 point deficit at the half. They went to the locker room trailing Eglin 49-33.

“We put together a nice little run, unfortunately, we didn’t sustain it,” Link said.

Eglin dominated the second half and finished off the Flyers. They doubled the damage with a final score of 106-69.

“Our intensity level was low because Columbus had none,” said Jay Matthias, Eglin Eagle. “Once Columbus starts to practice more, they will make games tougher.”

Lady Blaze dominates home courts against Eglin AFB

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Public affairs

The Columbus Lady Blaze destroyed the Eagles from Eglin AFB, Fla., 56-39 Saturday and 71-55 Sunday during the women’s varsity basketball games.

“[The Blaze] played less than stellar during the first halves both days, but we came together as a team,” said Lauren Maher, Lady Blaze. “That’s what gave us the edge.”

Both teams came out strong and played aggressively, getting the ball to the hoop. At the half, the Lady Blaze edged out the Eagles 27-23.

“Starting the second half, [the Blaze] played as a team,” said Winfred White, Lady Blaze coach.

Columbus found their groove and dominated the second half with tight defense and a rain of field goals, ending the game 56-39.

“[The Blaze] sped things up, and the Eagles could not keep up,” Maher said.

Sunday, the Eagles came back refreshed with a new game plan to defeat the Lady Blaze.

“Our plan is a three-two formation to stop the three-point shooting that killed us yesterday,” said Betsy O’Hara, Eglin Eagles.

The plan seemed to work, keeping Eglin within one point of the Blaze.

The first half ended with the score 30-29.

However, the plan backfired in the second period, and the Blaze team took center stage, blowing past the Eagles 71-55.

“We did well — we brought the ball inside, put up points and stayed out of foul trouble,” White said.



Angie Shelton, Lady Blaze, shoots the ball.